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APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS October 2015

PLEASE NOTE: *all programs are subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling* due to staff limitations, weather conditions, or other factors. Some programs require reservations, a minimum age, or a cost-recovery fee. Call 386-428-3384 ext. 0 for program information during operating hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), www.nps.gov/cana. Entrance fees apply to all interpretive program participants. All programs meet the requirements for the Canaveral National Seashore Junior Ranger program.

THURSDAY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND AND 29TH – "PONTOON BOAT CRUISE TO HISTORIC SEMINOLE REST" Take a leisurely cruise from the dock behind the Visitor Center to Seminole Rest, where there will be a tour of the historic house. We'll see lots of wildlife and enjoy some of the same views as river steamer passengers saw in the 19th century. Our comfortable pontoon boat, Tortuga del Sol, and our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe tour. Join us as we depart from the Visitor Center at 10 a.m., weather permitting.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged. There is a 50% discount for each holder of Senior or Access passes. Children 15 and under are free. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve space. (3 hours)

FRIDAY 2ND, 9TH, 16TH AND 23RD – "PONTOON BOAT CRUISE: THE BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON" Take a leisurely cruise to the places that lend character to this vital estuary on our pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol.* Our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe park water tour. Join us for a two-hour journey as we depart from the Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m., weather permitting. <u>RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED</u> and <u>SPACE IS LIMITED.</u> A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged. There is a 50% discount for each holder of Senior or Access passes. Children 15 and under are free. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve space. (2 hours)

WEDNESDAY 7TH, 14TH AND 21ST, -- 10:00 AM - "CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON"

Reservations will be accepted a week before the canoe date. Join a guide as you explore this rich and diverse estuary up close. Some experience is required. You must be at least 8 years old and able to paddle. You must wear covered shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Bring water, sunscreen and a hat. Dress to get wet. Individuals with their own kayaks or canoes are welcome to join in. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Visitors Information Center at 9:45 a.m. We will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. (2 hour)

WEDNESDAY 7TH – 11:00 AM "THE SEA TURTLE NESTS OF 2015" Learn about how many and what kind of sea turtles nested on Canaveral's beaches this year. Meet at the Visitor Center. (1 hour)

WEDNESDAY 14TH -- 11:00 AM - "BEACH WALK" Discover gifts from the sea on a walk on the shore. We'll look for seashells, driftwood and other wonderful surprises. Be sure to put on sun screen and bring plenty of water. Meet at Parking Lot #2. (1 hour)

SATURDAY 17TH -- 10:00 AM- "LAGOON TO OCEAN" Our walk will start on the shores of the lagoon and continue to the sea, we'll discuss all of the eco-systems. This program is led by a University of Florida certified coastal naturalist and will conclude with a treasure hunt along the beach. Please bring water & sunscreen. Meet at Visitor Center. (1 hour)

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